

To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am signing Senate Bill No. 71 with the following line item veto in Section 1 to more closely align the bill with my expenditure plan.

SECTION 1. Section 2932.2 is added to the Fish and Game Code, to read:

2932.2. Of the funds appropriated pursuant to Section 79565 of the Water Code, not less than ~~twelve million dollars~~ eight million five hundred thousand dollars (\$8,500,000) shall be made available for transfer or direct expenditure for acquisition, grants, or other activities that directly restore the Salton Sea and its transboundary watersheds, consistent with Section 2932.

I am reducing this allocation in recognition of the fact that only \$8,800,000 in funds appropriated pursuant to Section 79565 of the Water Code will be available for allocation during 2005-06. By reducing this allocation to \$8,500,000, the available funding will not be exceeded, and a small reserve will remain for contingencies in all activities and projects funded by this section of the Water Code.

With the above line item veto, I hereby approve SB 71.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger